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For months of May, June, July and August.
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Rent about \$170.
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FURNISHED HOUSE, Seven Living
Rooms, etc., with Garden.
Apply—
CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY,
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Hongkong, 29th March, 1916. [471]

TO LET—FURNISHED.

LA HACIENDA WEST, 73, THE PEAK,
for 5 or 6 months, from Middle May.
Apply—
W. MURRAY SCOTT,
Hongkong, 27th March, 1916. [470]

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FURNISHED or UNFURNISHED,
CRAIGMIN EAST, 160, PEAK, Five
Rooms, semi-detached. Moderate rent. Year
or longer.
Apply—
T. K. DEALY,
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No. 4, DES VIGUE ROAD CENTRAL,
First Floor.
No. 5, ROBINSON ROAD, "STONE-
HENGE" DWELLING HOUSES containing
Five Rooms and Out-houses.
Apply to—
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Hongkong, 1st April, 1916. [415]

TO LET.

No. 1, TONG TERRACE, Kennedy Road.
Apply—
LI FUK TSAU,
Care of Messrs. WILKINSON & GRIST,
6, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, 1st March, 1916. [355]

TO LET.

NEWLY-BUILT FLATS, in SAIFER
TERRACE, Nathan Road, also
SIMILAR FLATS in Jordan Road, Kowloon.
Rents very moderate.
Electric Light and Gas installed.
Apply to—
KAYAMALLY & Co.,
5, D'Agallier Street,
Hongkong, 1st March, 1916. [356]

TO LET.

OFFICES, 5, Duddell Street.
Apply—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.,
Hongkong, 1st April, 1916. [295]

TO LET.

No. 11, GAGE STREET, immediate posses-
sion.
Apply to—
J. VINCENT BRAGA,
Toro Kien Kaisha,
Hongkong, 16th November, 1915. [100]

TO LET.

A HOUSE in Kintford Terrace,
Kowloon.
Apply—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.,
Hongkong, 24th October, 1915. [37]

TO LET.

TWO ROOMED-FLATS in Nathan Road,
Kowloon.
THREE ROOMED-FLATS in Humphrey's
Buildings, Kowloon.
FOUR ROOMED-FLATS in May Road,
with every modern convenience, including
English Bath and Kitchen Ranges, Hot
Water and Water Carriage System. A few
flats specially designed to accommodate three
bachelors at reasonable rentals. Immediate
possession.
FOUR ROOMED HOUSES in Gordon
Terrace and Salisbury Avenue, Kowloon.
Apply to—
HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCIAL
Co., Ltd.,
Alexandra Buildings
Hongkong, 29th December, 1915. [277]

COMPANY MEETING.

THE LUZON SUGAR REFINING
CO., LTD.

The 34th annual general meeting of the
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., was held
at the office of the general agents, Messrs.
Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., yester-
day. The Hon. Mr. David Landale (Chair-
man) presided, and those also present were:
—Messrs. J. W. C. Bonnar, H. P. White
(Consulting Committee); H. W. Looker,
legal adviser; C. W. Beswick (Secretary);
R. Sutherland, L. N. Lee, G. H. Potts,
G. C. Moxon, E. F. Aucott, B. W. F.
Beith, E. A. Beaumont, F. M. P. de Graca,
J. A. M. de Graca, T. W. Hornby, K. de
C. Longmire, N. MacIntyre, R. E. Mc-
Dougall, C. L. Maxwell, J. M. de Rocha,
A. B. Stewart, C. S. Remedios, P. Tester,
W. E. Van Eps, C. Woodhead, G. H. Bow-
ker, A. H. G. Jackson, M. L. Raiton, N.
L. H. Raiton, P. Ted and Chon Po Sion.
The Secretary read the notice convening
the meeting, after which

The CHAIRMAN said:—The report and
accounts with the auditor's certificate at-
tached having been in your hands for the
past week or two, I will, with your per-
mission, take them as read. Owing to the war
in Europe and the elimination of the best
competition the refinery has benefited by
the better conditions that have prevailed in
the sugar markets of the Far East, and it
is with great pleasure that after so many
unfortunate years we have been able to
clear off the old debt at profit and loss ac-
count and have sufficient profit in hand to
make a return to the shareholders and carry
forward a balance to the new account.

There is one matter which has not been
referred to in the report, but which your
general agents and Consulting Committee
wish to bring before you, and that is the
services of Mr. Galbraith and the foreign
staff at the refinery. We consider they
should be granted a bonus based upon 15
per cent. on their salaries, and if you agree
to this we will arrange the matter with our
Manila agents. As this meeting is to be
followed by a special meeting of share-
holders at which I will deal with the pos-
sion and prospects of the Company, I sug-
gest that we proceed with the formal busi-
ness of this meeting.

Messrs. J. W. C. Bonnar and H. P.
White were re-elected to the consulting
committee on the motion of Mr. SUTHER-
LAND, seconded by Mr. BEAUMONT.
Mr. L. N. LEE proposed, and Mr.
LONGMIRE seconded, the re-appointment of
Mr. A. R. Lowe as auditor at a remunera-
tion of \$60.
The CHAIRMAN announced that dividend
warrants would be ready to-day.

AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE Com-
pany followed.
The Secretary read the notice convening
the meeting for the purpose of considering
the following extraordinary resolutions:—
(1)—That it is desirable to re-construct
the Company, and accordingly that the
Company be wound up voluntarily
and that Arthur Rylands
Lowe, of Victoria, in the Colony of
Hongkong, chartered accountant,
be and he is hereby appointed
Liquidator for the purpose of such
winding up and that Article 124 of
the Company's Articles of Association
be cancelled accordingly.

(2)—That Messrs. Jardine, Matheson &
Co., Ltd., the General Agents of this
Company, be authorised and requested
to procure the incorporation in the
Philippine Islands of a new
Company to be called the Malabon
Sugar Company (of which Messrs.
Smith, Bell & Co., Ltd., shall be
appointed by agreement General
Managers) with Articles of Incorpor-
ation and Bye-laws in such form
as the General Agents shall
approve.

(3)—That the draft Agreement sub-
mitted to this meeting marked "A"
and expressed to be made between
this Company and its Liquidator of
the one part and the Malabon Sugar
Company of the other part be and
the same is hereby approved and
that the said Liquidator be and he
is hereby authorised pursuant to
Section 185 of the Companies Ordinance
1911 to enter into an Agree-
ment with such new Company (when
incorporated) upon the terms of the
said draft Agreement and to carry
the same into effect with such (if
any) modifications as he thinks
expedient.

(4)—That the said Liquidator be
authorised to obtain advances from
Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.,
Ltd., of any moneys requisite upon
such terms as he sees fit and to
make arrangements if he thinks fit
for Messrs. Jardine, Matheson &
Co., Ltd., to continue managing
the affairs of the Company on such
terms as he thinks fit until the
undertaking of the Company is
handed over to the said Malabon
Sugar Company pursuant to any
Agreement entered into by virtue
of Resolution No. 3.

Should the above Resolutions be passed
by the required majority they will be sub-
mitted for confirmation as Special Resolu-
tions to a second Extraordinary General
Meeting which will be subsequently
convened.

The CHAIRMAN intimated the resolutions
would have to be passed at a confirmatory
meeting to be convened.

The CHAIRMAN said:—This meeting has
been called to consider the special Resolu-
tions which have been duly advertised in
the Hongkong Government Gazette and the
local Press and also circulated to share-
holders on the 16th March last. At the
same time addressed a circular letter to
shareholders briefly outlining the proposals
for the reconstruction of the Company. I
will endeavour briefly to give you the
reasons why we consider in the
interests of the Company this step should
be taken. In the first place it is
very necessary that some additions
should be made to the plant and machinery.
You quite realise that the plant we are
now working with is an old one and that
the Company has not of late years been in
a position to make the modern additions
there to the extent that we would have
liked. The cost roughly speaking of the
machinery that is required is about
\$200,000, but was the estimated before
the war. It will of course cost more now
and probably take longer to obtain. The
machinery is necessary to carry on the
efficient working of the refinery and I must
frankly say to you that my firm do not
wisely provide this sum as an additional
advance to the Company. It is not be-
cause we look upon the security as insuffi-
cient that we have come to this decision.
I hope to be able to show you later on
that the Company is in quite a sound
financial position, a much better one
than it has been for a number of years.
It is in a Company which works in a
country outside our sphere of operations
where we have no office of our own, and
consequently where we are able to exercise
very little real control over the business
in which it is engaged. We consider that
the cost of the new machinery is a capital
expenditure which should be provided by
the shareholders. In order to provide this
new capital therefore a reconstruction of
the Company is necessary. This brings us
to the consideration of the best means of
reconstruction in the interests of the Com-
pany, that is, in the interests of the share-
holders. As I have already said, the Com-
pany works outside of the sphere of my
firm, its affairs have always been con-
ducted in a most able manner, by our
Manila agents, Messrs. Smith, Bell & Co.
We have it from them that there would
be advantage to the undertaking if it were
to become a Company incorporated under
the laws of the Philippines both in business
between America and Manila and in tend-
ing for Government requirements. It
seems to us therefore that since a recon-
struction is necessary we should make a
thorough business of it and start with
very advantages, and to continue a busi-
ness the prospect for which can only be
described as promising. I may here say to
you that the estimated profits made in
January were about \$11,200 and in Feb-
ruary about \$14,000, a total of \$25,200, so
this year has commenced quite favourably.
In making this step I would again impress
upon you that you are really making no
change in the practical management of the
Company. Now as regards the financial
position of the Company—if you will turn
to the accounts which we have just passed
you will see that the total of your real-
isable assets, without taking the value of
the property and refinery into account,
is \$500,432.00, against which the advances
and accounts payable only come to
\$375,080.55, leaving a surplus of
\$124,726.25. A recent valuation of the prop-
erty and refinery gave a figure of
\$373,150. Upon reconstruction you will
therefore have the balance of \$60,000 odd
that is being carried forward, your new
Capital of \$210,000, and your Property,
as unencumbered assets. The new Com-
pany should consequently be in quite a
good position to renew such machinery as
requires renewal and to borrow such
working capital as it may require for the
conduct of its business. Speaking for my
firm I may say that we much regret
that the time has come for us to
retire from the management of the
Luzon Sugar Refinery, but we are con-
fident that the future of the Com-
pany is safe in the hands of Messrs. Smith,
Bell & Co. In this connection I may say,
until the new Philippine Company is for-
med it is not possible under the laws of
these Islands to make a definite agreement
with Messrs. Smith, Bell & Co. as
managers, so we are willing to represent
the shareholders and negotiate an agree-
ment with Messrs. Smith, Bell & Co. as
managers of the Company and I shall en-
deavour to have an initial draft of that
agreement on the table for the information
of shareholders at the confirmatory meet-
ing which it will be necessary for us to
hold to confirm these resolutions if they are
passed to-day. I will now formally pro-
pose the various resolutions and I would
ask you gentlemen in your own interests
to record your votes in favour of them.

The first resolution was proposed by
the chairman and seconded by Mr. VAN EPS;
the second resolution was proposed from
the chair and seconded by Mr. JACKSON;
the third resolution was proposed from the
chair and seconded by Mr. POTTES.
All the resolutions were unanimously
carried.

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proper neurological treatment, and the
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in the hands of the Medical Research Com-
mittee is of high value in practice.

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SHELL FIRE AND SHOCK.

EFFECT ON THE CENTRAL
NERVOUS SYSTEM.

The war has made possible a degree of
organisation in medical research such as
could hardly have been contemplated before
it. As a factor of the National Health
Insurance, the Medical Research Committee
had a great deal of useful work before it,
but the war collected its activities by
furnishing such imperative subjects of re-
search as infectious disease in armies,
wound infections, organised methods of
sanitation, after-effects of wounds arising
from septic conditions or from nerve in-
jury. The committee, under the presidency
of Lord Moulton and consisting of repre-
sentatives of the army, the Government, and
of science, and owing not a little to its
secretary, Dr. W. M. Fletcher, F.R.S., has
enlisted or commanded the best brains
of the country in combined attack on the
problems arising in these circumstances,
and has arranged for co-ordinated examina-
tion of all the "material" which the
casualties of war supply.

Thus all the "nerve" cases which are
sent to the military hospitals are examined
by trained observers, and all the symptoms,
injuries and peculiarities noted on a com-
mon plan. Fifty neurologists, among them
the most brilliant and the ablest men, give
their services to this work, and the exami-
nation is conducted both in England and
in the hospitals in France and Flanders.
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fully indexed. The observers can compare notes
and correlate information, and meetings are
held to discuss cases, tendencies and treat-
ment. A standard practice of the inquiry
and treatment will emerge, and it will be
valuable in civil life as well as in warfare.

WHAT IS SHELL-SHOCK?
For, although the war creates a great
number of nervous injuries, the symptoms
most often follow those in groups of cases
already known. The most often named
nervous injury is that of "shell-shock."
What is shell-shock? It may be a very large
number of things in which shells have
played little or no part. The commonest
form is a simple concussion, which may
take place because the victim has been in
reach of the wind of a high-explosive shell
when it bursts, or may have been sand-bag-
ged behind a parapet if the shell has burst
very near the outside of the trench. In
neither case will the patient be able to say
what happened, because concussion of this
kind will obliterate the memory of every-
thing that happened for some time, it may
be some hours before he was injured. The
symptoms of this kind of shell-shock are
the same as those of concussion in civil life,
and are followed by similar complications.

But though this kind of nervous effect is
the only one attributable directly to a
shell, there are a number of other condi-
tions, popularly termed shell-shock which
are only indirectly due to it. Thus there
is the dazed condition into which officers or
men may fall after a period of severe shel-
ling, and in which, though the memory is
continuous, the mind is dulled, and the
conduct becomes "curious." A third con-
dition is that in which men, apparently
sound and who have been going on without
noticeable harm, break down after heavy
shelling. If removed to a place of safety
they sleep, but they cannot be moved back
to the trenches again, because they are
abnormally sensitive to noise. Any loud
noise will undo them, which is why some
of the complaints from convalescents about
cabbaghting in London are so heart-rending
and so well founded.

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COMPANY REPORT.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
CANTON, LTD.

Subject to audit the Directors of this
Company will recommend that a final
dividend of \$30 and a bonus dividend of
\$10 per share be paid for account 1914,
making \$60 per share for the year, an
interim dividend of \$30 per share for 1915,
and a bonus of 20 per cent. on contributory
premium. They will further recommend
that \$50,000 be passed to Reinsurance
Fund, leaving \$1,550,000 to be carried
forward to Underwriting Suspense Ac-
count, thus closing the account for 1914.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS.

CORPS ORDERS BY LT.-COL. A. CHAPMAN, V.D.

1.—Pte. J. Martin is granted leave of
absence from 1st April, 1916, to 1st
April, 1917.
Pte. C. G. Anderson is granted leave of
absence from 2nd April, 1916, to
2nd April, 1917.

ENGINEER COMPANY. Belcher's
Detachment will parade as follows:—
Engine drivers, at 6.10 p.m.; Electric-
ians, at 6.30 p.m.; "Lycouna
Reliefs" from 1st to 15th April is
posted on the notice board at Head-
quarters, for information of all con-
cerned.

SIGNALLING SECTION.
3.—Captain E. D. C. Wolfe will take com-
mand of this Section from this date
until further notice.

PARADES.
4.—Parades for Saturday, 1st April:—
7.30 a.m. Members of Signalling Sec-
tion and other Signallers, as detail-
ed in Signalling Section order,
dated 28th December, 1915. Morse
flag and Heliograph practice at
Headquarters.

2.30 p.m. Musketry (Part II.) at
King's Park Range. Reference
Corps Order No. 5, dated 29th
March, 1916, the following (as well
as others, if any) will wear Part II.
on Saturday, 1st April:—Trained
Men's Course, Pte. G. Miskin
(Scouts Co.) Recruits Course, Ptes.
P. Burn (Scouts Co.), Hurlie, Ogley,
and J. Rodrigues (Sig. Section).
Lt.-Cpl. Chaves and Pte. O. Ribeiro
(Sig. Sec.) will attend for telephone
duty.

PARADES FOR NEXT WEEK.
On the same days as this week, except
Scouts Co., who will parade on
Tuesday, 4th April, at 5.15 p.m., for
Company drill.

5.—On duty to-morrow: Left Section
M.G. Co.
Orderly Officer: Lieut. Kenneth
G. E. STEWART, Capt.
Adjutant, H.K.V.C.

VOLUNTEER RESERVES.

ORDERS BY MAJOR WALKMAN, O.C. H.K.V.C.

On duty till the morning of April 7th:
H.K.V.C.
Next for duty: "A" Co. H.K.V.C.
PARADES FOR THE WEEK ENDING SATURDAY,
8TH APRIL.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

TO LET.

FURNISHED, 4 FOUR-ROOMED HOUSE, on Mount Parish, Wanchai, for six months. Electric Light and Telephone installed.
Apply—**D. V. STEAVENSON,**
Care of DEACON, LOOKER, DEACON & HARRISON.
Hongkong, 1st April, 1916. [492]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

I HAVE THIS DAY REMOVED MY OFFICE to the Top Floor of the ALEXANDRA BUILDING.
U. C. GALLUZZI,
Hongkong, 1st April, 1916. [493]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE ITALIAN CONSULATE has this day been REMOVED to the Top Floor of the ALEXANDRA BUILDING.
U. C. GALLUZZI,
Acting Consul for Italy.
Hongkong, 1st April, 1916. [494]

NOTICE.

THIS is to advise the Public that the undersigned, Agents and the Captain or Owners of the str. "CITY OF PUEBLO" are not responsible for any Debts Contracted by the Crew.
THE ROBERT DOLLAR COMPANY,
Hongkong, 1st April, 1916. [495]

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Partnership heretofore existing between **JAMES FRANCIS WRIGHT** and **THOMAS WILD HORNBY**, carrying on Business as SHARE and GENERAL BROKERS under the style or Firm of **WRIGHT & HORNBY**, has been dissolved as from the date hereof. All Contracts entered into by the said late Firm will be carried out for them by **ANDREW HUGH GILMORE JACKSON** and **PERCY TESTER**, who will continue to carry on the said Business in Partnership under the style or Firm of **WRIGHT & HORNBY**.

Dated the 31st day of March, 1916.
J. F. WRIGHT,
T. W. HORNBY,
A. H. G. JACKSON,
P. TESTER. [496]

HAPPY VALLEY.

A CUP has been kindly presented by Mr. E. V. D. Parr for a competition under the following conditions:—
The best cards comprising 27 holes, viz., two cards of 15 and 9 holes or three cards of 9 holes. Medal play under handicap during the month of April.
In the case of 9 hole cards half handicaps to be allowed, fractions of a half counting as one.
Any number of cards may be taken out. Entrance fee of 25 cents per card of 9 holes or 40 cents per card of 18 holes, the proceeds to go to the Blue Cross Fund.
Competitors are requested to enter their names in the book in the Club House before starting.

T. W. HILL,
Acting Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, April 1st, 1916. [498]

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE COMPANY regrets that owing to the INCREASED COST OF MATERIALS, it is compelled to make the following Alterations in its terms of business:—
The Price of Gas for all purposes will be raised to \$2.50 per 1,000 cubic feet as from the 1st April.

Hire of Cookers, Geysers and other Cooking and Heating Apparatus will be continued, but the Cost of Labour and Materials used in fixing these goods will be charged to consumers.
The Labour and Materials used in fixing Lighting Fittings will also be charged to the consumer.

GEORGE CURRY,
Local Secretary.
Hongkong, 31st March, 1916. [497]

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT 7% SILVER LOAN OF 1886, E.

50TH HALF-YEARLY DRAWING.

INTEREST due and **DRAWN BONDS** of this LOAN will be Payable at the Office of the Corporation on and after the 31st March, 1916.

List of Drawn Bonds can be obtained on application to the undersigned.
For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
Agents issuing the Loan,
N. J. STABB,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 31st March, 1916. [499]

RUSSIAN INTERNAL SHORT TERMED LOAN OF 1916 for Rbs. 2,000,000,000.

SUBSCRIPTION to the above LOAN will be Opened from 28th March till 5th May inclusively.

The Price of issue is 95%.
The Loan is entirely free of Income Tax and of other taxation.
The Loan is redeemable at par on 1st February 1926, Russian style, without option for the Russian Government to convert it at an earlier date.

Coupons are payable half-yearly on the 1st February and 1st August, Russian style. As interest on the above loan runs from 1st/14th February, the interest accrued on date of subscription must be taken into consideration and is to be added to the price of issue.

The Russo-Asiatic Bank in Hongkong is ready to accept applications for the above-named Loan.

Special favourable rates will be quoted for Russian exchange also to be made in Roubles. Applications will be wired to Petrograd free of telegraphic charges and commission.

40% only of the cost of the Bonds may be paid on application, the balance to be paid on receipt of the Bonds.

The Bank is also ready to give every facility to subscribers in the shape of advances against the scrip.

TISDALL,
Manager,
RUSSO-ASIATIC BANK.
Hongkong, 30th March, 1916. [490]

INTIMATIONS

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

MT. AUSTIN THEATRE, THE PEAK.

A Theatrical Performance by Children

"HUMPTY DUMPTY"

will be given in Aid of the VETERANS' CLUB, in the Theatre at Mt. Austin Barracks, The Peak, on

THURSDAY, 13th April, 1916, at 6.15 P.M.,

and

SATURDAY, 15th April, 1916, at 9.15 P.M.

Seats will not be reserved, but Tickets will be shortly be procurable at Messrs. MOUTRIE's and at other places. Further particulars will be announced.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1916. [495]

MUSKETRY CONTEST.

NAVAL, MILITARY AND POLICE FORCES (Regular and Auxiliary).

TEAM AND CHAMPIONSHIP SHOOT,

EASTER MONDAY, April 24th, 1916.

Teams of three from each Branch of each Service in the Colony.

107 yards—Grouping.

200 yards—Deliberate and Disappearing Targets.

500 yards—Deliberate.

600 yards—Deliberate.

No Entrance Fee.

Tiffin on the Range.

Conditions and Description of Targets will be issued.

Letters on this matter have been addressed to Commanding Officers.

F. C. JENKIN,

Deputy Supt. of Police (R),

Princes Buildings.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1916.

5% MILITARY LOAN.

REDEMPTION OF BONDS DRAWN AT SECOND DRAWING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the Public that at the Second Drawing for Redemption of the Eight Per Cent. Military Loan Bonds held on February 20th, 1916, \$1,150,000 worth of Bonds have been drawn, which amount constitutes one-fifth of the Bonds recognised by this Ministry.

Numbers of Drawn Bonds will soon be published in the Government Gazette and other newspapers. Repayment of Bonds in Singapore, Batavia and the Philippine Islands will be made by the Branch Offices of the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION at these places. In China, repayments will be made by the CHUNGWAH GUILD; in Yokohama by the CHINESE CONSULATE GENERAL; in Kiangsi by the Kiangsi Bank in Fukieng by the BANK OF CHINA; in Peking by the BANK OF CHINA. Besides the above cases, Repayments of Drawn Bonds will generally be made by the BANK OF CHINA, Shanghai. Drawn Bonds when presented must be accompanied by all remaining coupons, as all such Bonds are not entitled to any further interest after the payment of the Eighth Coupon. If all remaining coupons (beginning with the ninth coupon) are not presented together with the Drawn Bonds, then the total amount represented by these Coupons shall be deducted from the principal to be repaid. Drawn Bonds must be presented for repayment within five years from the date of Second Drawing, after which period of five years, such Bonds shall become null and void.

List of Numbers of 5 per cent. Military Bonds Drawn at the Second Drawing held on February 20th, 1916:—

NUMBERS OF \$1000 BONDS:—

5	8	72	75	78	81
89	59	94	95	125	129
134	135	205	296	297	301
321	324	325	328	343	370
371	374	375	406	473	3004
8005	3010	3910	3963	3991	4044
4126	4152	4207	4233	4254	4303
4264	4314	4317	4323	4324	4326
10479	10500	11701	11705	11760	11766
11638	11694	11922	11943	12165	12191
12548	12574	12602	12623	12764	12790
12845	12871	12893	12979	13464	13495
13514	13538	13589	13633	13664	13688
13698	13699				

NUMBERS OF \$100 BONDS:—

63	124	1333	1444	1476	1597
1544	1553	1565	1595	1750	1789
1976	2006	2123	2153	2247	2277
2309	2339	2562	2592	2697	2702
7059	7089	7652	7682	8331	8535
9001	9209	11138	11351	11459	11672
11994	12100	12315	12421	13064	13170
13385	13491	13538	13563	13755	13786
16428	16534	18230	18260	18292	18323
18385	18505	18568	18638	19182	19288
20145	20251	21643	21749	21857	21963
22499	22605	22820	22926	23249	23354
31854	31960	39059	39165	39590	39696
39701	39807				

NUMBERS OF \$10 BONDS:—

1233	1992	8533	9592	9973	10500
10523	10744	11843	11984	12028	12147
12331	12391	12514	12574	12941	13001
13124	13184	13368	13428	13490	13550
14039	14099	14283	14343	15015	15075
15381	15441	15625	15685	16164	16174
16258	16307	16491	16493	16501	16504
47885	48284	49025	49404	51085	54064
55925	55924	54345	54724	55105	55484
58525	58904	59245	59624	64005	64084
69325	67264	68025	68404	69545	69924
45001	45211	45701	45747	45043	45047
45001	45017	45077	45070	451201	451235
451454	451571	452031	453039	462499	462585
463263	463644	464409	465172	465555	465936

NUMBERS OF \$5 BONDS:—

1520	2581	16386	16500	63101	63140
65409	66309	66838	67593	69478	70005
71052	71589	74758	75285	76342	76893
78454	78981	79510	80037	84262	84739
91654	92181	92710	93237	95878	96405
97462	97989	98516	100101	106618	110147
161270	161799	162380	162901	164450	164979
226161	226181	226201	226220	240220	240298
240320	240380	240440	240500	240560	240620
240770	240830	240890	240950	240980	241040
250040	250070	250100	250130	250160	250190
250220	250250	250280	250310	250340	250370
251190	251218	251247	251276	251305	251334
251363	251392	251421	251450	251479	251508

PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings, Connaught Road, Hongkong, on **MONDAY, the 3rd April, 1916, at 12 Noon**, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1915. The **TRANSFER BOOKS** of the Company will be **CLOSED** from the 27th March to the 3rd April, 1916, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 31st March, 1916. [442]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE 27th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Buildings, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on **MONDAY, the 10th day of April, 1916, at 11.45 A.M.**, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Account and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1915, and declaring a Dividend. The **TRANSFER BOOKS** of the Company will be **CLOSED** from **SATURDAY, the 1st April, to MONDAY, the 10th April, 1916, both days inclusive.** By Order of the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS,**
Hongkong, 28th March, 1916. [473]

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **TRANSFER BOOKS** of the Company will be **CLOSED** from **WEDNESDAY, the 6th April, to MONDAY, the 10th April, 1916, both days inclusive.** **SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,**
General Managers.
Hongkong, 27th March, 1916. [472]

HONGKONG TRAMWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

LOST.

TRANSFER RECEIPT No. 1217 issued to Mr. LAU CHUANG for Transfer of 700 Shares in this Company into his name, having been Mislaid, Lost, or Destroyed, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that unless the said Receipt is produced at this Office within 30 days from the date hereof, the Certificate for the said Shares will be delivered to the said Mr. LAU CHUANG, and the Transfer Receipt will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void. For the HONGKONG TRAMWAY Co., Ltd.,
W. E. ROBERTS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 24th March, 1916. [464]

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an **EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING** of the HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LTD., will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on **MONDAY, the 10th day of April, 1916, at 11.30 o'clock** in the forenoon, when the Subscribed Resolution which was passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 25th day of March, 1916, will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution:—
That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in manner following:—
(a) That after the word "Company" in the 18th line of Article 110 the following words shall be added:—
"The General Managers may also, with the consent of the Consulting Committee, pay such bonus or bonuses as the General Managers 'shall think fit.'"
(b) That the words "Bonus or Bonuses" shall be inserted immediately after the word "Dividend" in the 18th line of Article 110.
(c) That the words "and bonuses" shall be inserted immediately after the word "Dividend" in the first line of Article 115.

Dated this 27th day of March, 1916.
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers. [467]

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

DEEP WATER BAY COURSE.

A MIXED FOURSOMES COMPETITION will be held on **SATURDAY and SUNDAY, 8th and 9th April.**

CONDITIONS—18 holes against "Bogey" under handicap.
The Bogey score and table of holes at which strokes are to be taken will be fixed later.

Entrance fee \$2.00 per couple.

Competitors must arrange their own partners and opponents and are requested to send their names to the undersigned, or to post same on the board at Happy Valley, Fan Ling or the Hongkong Club before the 5th April.

T. W. HILL,
Acting Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 22nd March, 1916. [433]

NOTICE.

WE HAVE THIS DAY REMOVED our Offices from 16, Des Voeux Road to the Ground Floor, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, Ice House Street.

DONNELLY & WHYTE,
Hongkong, 31st March, 1916. [487]

NOTICE.

ALL Persons having Claims against **MR. KARL DETMEERS**, of Messrs. RADZKE & Co., or against the Firm of Messrs. RADZKE & Co. are requested to file same with the Liquidators before the 8th April, 1916.

BRADLEY & Co., Ltd.,
Liquidators.
Hongkong, 24th March, 1916. [458]

INTIMATION

WATSON'S
OLD BROWN
LIQUEUR
BRANDY

E

QUALITY.

TRY IT
AND BE YOUR
OWN JUDGE.



IT HAS

ALREADY DONE TIME

"21 YEARS" IN WOOD.

SOLE AGENTS:

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.,

WINE & SPIRIT MERCHANTS,

HONGKONG.

TELEPHONE 618.

MARRIAGE.

STEELE-PERKINS-CARRALL—On February 22nd, at Exeter, A. H. STEELE-PERKINS to EDITH GWENDOLINE FAVOUS, daughter of late J. W. CARRALL, of Chinese Maritime Customs.

DEATH.

MACLEAN—On February 24th, at 47, Platt's Lane, Hampstead, PETER MACLEAN, formerly of Shanghai, in his 86th year.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 10A, DES VOEUX ROAD, C. LONDON OFFICE: 181, FLEET STREET, E.C.

The Daily Press.

BELGIUM'S AGONY.

The urgent appeal which has been issued by the National Committee for the Relief of the Belgians cannot fail to meet with a generous response from Britons in all parts of the world. The cruel wrongs which our gallant little Ally has suffered under the heel of the brutal invader during the past eighteen months have been such as to kindle the fierce indignation of everyone possessing a spark of humanity. The cry of crime of which the Germans have been proved guilty on the incontestable evidence published in Viscount Bryce's report is too revolting to bear repetition in a newspaper. No enormity has been too great for the modern Huns to commit in their bloodied campaign of "frightfulness."

Neither sex nor age has served as any protection against murder, rapine and outrage. Nor can it be pleaded that these hideous excesses have been committed only by a few depraved individuals whose passions were aroused in the heat of warfare; they have been deliberate and sustained. At the present moment the population of the occupied territory is living under a reign of terror, and upwards of three millions, consisting mostly of women and children, are dependent for their existence upon the pitiful rations supplied to them through the agency of the Neutral Relief Commission, which is carrying on its merciful work in the most efficient manner under the supervision of the American and Spanish Legations. Meanwhile, the Germans are bleeding the country to death by denuding it of raw materials, and telling the famished people that their distress is due to the blockade

THE WAR.

FURIOUS FIGHTING IN FRANCE.

BRITISH FRONT AGAIN EXTENDED.

ITALIANS HEAVILY ENGAGED.

GREAT ACTIVITY IN AIR.

BELGIUM'S PITIFUL PLIGHT.

FRANCO-BELGIAN FRONT.

FIERCE FIGHTING. FRENCH SUCCESSFUL AT AVOCOURT.

PARIS, March 30th.
3.55 p.m.

The French have been successful in the very fierce fighting at Avocourt. A communiqué states that a series of German counter-attacks were all defeated by artillery and machine-gun fire, while the infantry caused great havoc in the enemy's ranks, especially before the Avocourt redoubt, where there were heaps of German corpses on the ground.

French air-squadrons dropped heavy bombs on the Metz-Abbon station, and also on those at Pagny-sur-Moselle and Mairières-les-Metz.

The Germans did not attempt a fresh effort at Malancourt.

There was an intermittent bombardment east of the Meuse and in Woëvre.

The Germans again tried the device of floating a large number of mines down the Meuse at St. Mihiel, but these did no damage.

Southward of the Somme, the Germans, after a violent bombardment, penetrated an advanced portion of our line at Vermandoville, northward of Chaubais, but they were instantly driven out.

GERMANS AGAIN ATTACK AT DOUAUMONT.

ENEMY LOSSES HEAVILY AND GAINS NOTHING.

PARIS, March 31st.
2.30 a.m.

The evening communiqué says:—In Argonne, we vigorously bombarded Malancourt Wood, and destroyed a German trench and post by means of mines.

West of the Meuse, the bombardment in the Malancourt region continues, but there was no infantry action.

East of the Meuse the Germans in the morning violently attacked our positions at the approaches to Fort de Douaumont, employing liquid flames, but they were completely repulsed. A second attack at the same point a little later was equally unsuccessful and also cost the enemy heavy losses.

There was intermittent artillery activity in Woëvre.

Our aviators were most active during the day. One brought down a Fokker in Champagne. It fell in flames in the enemy's lines.

Five enemy aeroplanes were brought down in the Verdun region. Our machines were often struck, but all the pilots returned unharmed.

Anti-aircraft guns brought down an enemy aeroplane five yards from our trenches south of the Somme, and both airmen were killed. One of its machine-guns was brought into our lines. A German aeroplane was felled in Champagne.

CARE OF BRITISH GRAVES. NATIONAL COMMITTEE FORMED.

LONDON, March 31st.

The Government have appointed a National Committee, under the presidency of the Prince of Wales, to provide for the permanent care of the graves of the British who have fallen in France and Belgium. At a meeting of the Committee which was held on March 27th, it was mentioned that the French Government were acquiring, at their own cost, the land in which British troops had been buried.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GERMAN ATTACK STOPPED. DRIVEN BACK TO TRENCHES.

LONDON, March 30th.

A British communiqué says:—There was artillery activity north of Souchez and south of St. Eloi, about Wiltje, and Boesinghe. Hostile bombers succeeded in reaching the easternmost of the craters at St. Eloi.

South of Boesinghe, after a bombardment, a small party of the enemy tried to leave their trenches, but were immediately driven back by our fire.

One of our aeroplanes is missing.

BRITISH FRONT AGAIN LENGTHENED.

A TERRIFIC MINE EXPLOSION AT ST. ELOI.

LONDON, March 31st.

Reuter's correspondent at the British headquarters states that the British now hold a fourth of the entire Western front.

The taking over of the additional sector was carried out with great skill and secrecy, releasing large French forces when these were most valuable elsewhere. A German officer who was captured at St. Eloi pitifully described the effect of an explosion which was referred to in the communiqué of the 27th. He said:—"A huge volcanic upheaval sent two companies of my battalion entirely to hell." He added that the explosion displaced masses of earth which blocked the reinforcements which were coming to dispute the cheering onset of the Fusiliers.

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RUSSIAN FRONT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE SPRING CAMPAIGN. GERMAN PREPARATIONS.

PETERSBURG, March 31st.

The Spring campaign on the northern front is expected to begin in earnest after the opening of the Gulf of Riga, approximately the end of April, when it is believed that General von Hindenburg will be reinforced by reserves and heavy guns. An important part will be assigned to the German fleet in the forthcoming offensive. It is at present assembling at Libau in anticipation of a renewed attempt to force an entry into the Gulf, in conjunction with a land attack on Riga.

GERMANS' ABORTIVE EFFORTS BEFORE DVINSK.

PETERSBURG, March 31st.

A communiqué says:—Two German attacks in the Jacobstadt sector, and one south of Dvinsk were repulsed.

CAUCASUS CAMPAIGN. TURKS WHO FOUGHT IN GALLI- POLI CAPTURED.

PETERSBURG, March 31st.

A communiqué states that the Russians in the Caucasus captured 400 Turks belonging to a Regiment which had fought in Gallipoli. It was commanded by a German.

ITALIAN FRONT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

VENICE RAIDED.

ROME, March 30th.

Enemy aeroplanes raided Venice on Monday, slightly wounding six persons.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

AN AUSTRIAN AIR RAID. MEETS WITH DISASTER.

ROME, March 30th.

The Austrians met with disastrous failure in a great strategic air-raid which was aimed at paralyzing supplies and creating havoc behind the Italian lines. Seventeen aeroplanes and twelve seaplanes participated, but they only succeeded in wounding five civilians, and they lost four powerful aeroplanes and eight aviators. The seaplanes did not even reach their objective owing to anti-aircraft guns. It was a real defeat of the enemy.

VIOLENT AUSTRIAN ATTACKS. ENEMY ROUTED AND PUT TO FLIGHT.

ROME, March 30th.

A communiqué says:—There has been heavy artillery fighting in the Montebello zone and north-west of Gorizia. The enemy at nightfall violently attacked in the latter region, but was constantly repulsed. He returned with fresh troops, which were eventually routed and put to flight by a counter-attack.

The Italians on the Carso Plateau captured a strong trench with the bayonet, and repulsed numerous counter-attacks. The Italians took 400 prisoners in these actions.

ITALIANS' OBJECT ATTAINED.

ROME, March 30th.

The activity on the Italian front has completely achieved its object, preventing Austrians from reinforcing the Germans at Verdun or Riga.

THE BALKANS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

OPERATIONS ON GREEK FRONTIER.

GREAT AERIAL ACTIVITY.

PARIS, March 31st.

An official account of operations on the Greek frontier says that the activity of German patrols was observed on the 13th inst. French forces advanced to the frontier south of Ghevgeli, and an enemy detachment which had occupied the Greek village of Magukovo on the 16th were driven out on the following day.

A Zeppelin on the 16th bombed the roadstead of Karaburun, where many ships were anchored, but effected no damage.

French artillery on the 20th bombarded camps on the frontier and the stations of Mrzanti and Ghevgeli.

Twenty-three French aeroplanes on the 24th bombed the camps of Volovo, west of Lake Doiran. A French pilot was hit and fell into the lake. Another was forced to land, but succeeded in returning to our lines after burning his machine.

A pilot brought down an Albatross on the 25th inst, when the French air squadron bombed the camp at Podgoritzia. An enemy air squadron bombed Salonika on the 26th inst, killing 20 and wounding 26 Greek civilians. French aeroplanes, pursuing the raiders, brought down three of the enemy machines.

Large British cavalry forces on the 27th inst. took up positions near the French advance guards.

A party of French Cavalry on the 29th inst. put to flight enemy troops in Greek territory, between Ghevgeli and Doiran. The German artillery has been very active along the whole of the frontier.

FOUR ENEMY AEROPLANES FELLED.

SALONIKA, March 30th.

Four enemy aeroplanes were felled in the recent raid.

NAVAL ACTIVITIES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

WORK OF BRITISH NAVY. PREVENTING COTTON REACHING GERMANY.

NEW YORK, March 31st.

Government statistics of the export of cotton to countries adjoining Germany show a remarkable decrease since August. This is regarded as proving that the British Navy has effectively stopped the leakage.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SUBMARINE WARFARE. MORE BRITISH SHIPS SUNK.

LONDON, March 31st.

The *Lynnia Westall* and the *Kilbride* have been sunk, the latter on the 1st inst.

[The *Kilbride* is a steel vessel of 5,712 gross tonnage, belonging to Napier and Connell, Glasgow.]

[The *Lynnia Westall* is a Sunderland vessel, of 3,151 gross tonnage, owned by James Westall.]

THE "MANCHESTER ENGINEER."

WASHINGTON, March 30th.

The United States has asked Germany whether the *Manchester Engineer* was torpedoed.

TORPEDOED STEAMER'S CREW.

LONDON, March 30th.

Of the crew of the steamer *Minneapolis*, 200 have now been landed at Malta. The total missing are 18.

FAR EASTERN MAILS LOST.

LONDON, March 30th.

In the House of Commons the Postmaster-General said that more than half of the mails on board the *Suisse* for Egypt, India, Australia, and the Far East, amounting to over 1,000 bags, were lost.

CAPTURED RUSSIAN WAR- SHIPS RETURNED.

LONDON, March 30th.

Reuter's Agency says it is confirmed that Japan has returned the Russian warships *Sagami* (1 *Sagami*), *Tango*, and *Soya*, captured during the Russo-Japanese War.

The *Sagami* (ex *Peresviet*), 12,674 tons, was completed in 1901. She carries four 12-inch and ten 6-inch guns.

The *Tango* (ex *Poltava*), 10,930 tons, was completed in 1898. She is armed with four 12-inch and twelve 6-inch guns.

The *Soya* (ex *Varyag*), 9,500 tons, was completed in 1900. Her principal armament is twelve 6-inch guns.

GENERAL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BAGDAD EXPEDITION. QUESTIONS IN THE LORDS.

LONDON, March 30th.

In the House of Lords, Lord Beresford asked—Was Major-General Townshend consulted with reference to the Bagdad Expedition? He had less than a Division when he started, and should have had not less than three. Was Major-General Townshend or General Sir John Nixon (Commander-in-Chief at the time) responsible for the advance on Ctesiphon?

Lord Islington—I am unable to answer the first question, the Government, having no information with reference to the purpose of any conversation between General Townshend and General Sir J. Nixon prior to the advance. Similarly, nothing is known of any representations addressed to General Nixon by General Townshend with reference to the advance on Ctesiphon, which was authorised by the Imperial Government on the advice of General Nixon and the Raj. It is impossible at present to discuss the strength of the Forces in Mesopotamia, either past or present. The forces, both British and Indian, have displayed courage and endurance which, when the history of the great war is unfolded, would compare favourably with other operations in any part of the world.

Lord Islington added that though he was obliged at present to give a very imperfect answer to Lord Beresford's criticisms, the Government in no wise desired to evade responsibility. The Government were prepared, when the public interest would no longer suffer thereby, to face the closest scrutiny of everything leading up to events in Mesopotamia.

Lord Crew, supplementing Lord Islington's remarks, stated that there had not been a single instance in the war in which a Military or Naval commander had been asked to undertake an operation with a force which he had declared to be insufficient. He made that statement without the smallest reserve.

LAND FOR HEROES.

LONDON, March 31st.

The Chartered Company proposes to grant half a million acres of free land to ex-soldiers and settlers from Overseas.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MISMANAGEMENT IN MESOPOTAMIA.

COMMISSION OF INVESTIGATION.

LONDON, March 30th.

In the House of Commons Mr. Malcolm asked whether Mr. Chamberlain would appoint an independent Commission to investigate the share of the Military and Financial members of the Viceroy's Council in the conduct of the Mesopotamian campaign.

Mr. Chamberlain—No. I have instructed a Commission fearlessly to ascertain and define the responsibility for the breakdown of relief, whether individual or a system are to blame. Until the Commission has reported I can not say whether a further enquiry would be necessary. The Viceroy has informed me that he has invited Mr. E. A. Riddale, now en route from England, to join the Commission as a member.

PLIGHT OF BELGIUM.

THREE MILLIONS DESTITUTE.

AN URGENT APPEAL.

LONDON, March 30th.

Reuter's Agency has been requested by the National Committee for the Relief of the Belgians to publish a fresh and urgent appeal for more funds. The appeal is signed by the Lord Mayor of London, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Cardinal Bourne, the Moderator of the Church of Scotland, the President of the Free Church Council, the Chief Rabbi, the Duke of Norfolk, Lords Lansdowne, Rosebery and Bryce, Mr. John Redmond, and others.

It says:—The number of destitute Belgians in Belgium exceeds three millions, mostly women and children. Since the last appeal was made it has been conclusively proved that the Germans, contrary to every civilised precedent, adhere to the intention not to support the Belgian population or supply them with food. That Lord Robert Cecil in announcing the above intention did not overestimate the calculated cruelty thereof is shown by the fact that the civilian population of Poland has been allowed to die like flies.

Over 300,000 able-bodied Poles have been driven into Germany to work the mines and industries, thus freeing 300,000 Germans to fight. The same would undoubtedly happen in Belgium but for the food reaching the Belgians through the Allies. It has also been definitely ascertained that food sent to Belgium does not reach or benefit Germans.

The Neutral Relief Commission, conducted under the supervision of the American and Spanish Legations, has been accurately described by Lord Curzon as an absolute miracle of scientific organisation. The Commission now urgently appeals for further contributions.

The original appeal produced over a million and a half pounds sterling, but this is almost millions short of what is required. Over seven million defenceless civilians in Belgium are suffering, tyrannical almost inconceivable. Nevertheless they have maintained a courageous passive resistance and have refused to work for the Germans. Practically half of this population is now destitute and live on a pitiful ration.

Donations and subscriptions should be sent to local committees, or to Mr. Shirley Bess, M.P., Trafalgar Buildings, Trafalgar Square, London.

The King has given £500 and the Queen £250 in response to this appeal.

ARMIES OF PARIS.

NEW COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

PARIS, March 30th.

General Dubail has been appointed Governor of Paris and Commander-in-Chief of the Armies of Paris, replacing General Maunoury, who has retired for reasons of health.

THE ROME CONFERENCE.

PARIS, March 30th.

Mr. Asquith has gone to Rome to attend an important conference.

NEW FRENCH LOAN.

PARIS, March 31st.

In the Chamber of Deputies M. Ribot (the Finance Minister) announced that a new loan was necessary.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GERMAN CONSUL DETAINED.

AN ACT OF REPRISAL.

LONDON, March 31st.

In the House of Commons, Lord Robert Cecil said that the German Consul who was deported from Salonika had been detained by the French Government at our request, pending the release of the British Consul at Shiraz.

PRINCE OF WALES WITH AUSTRALIANS.

CAIRO, March 31st.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales paid several visits to the Dominion troops and attended an inspection of the Australians, after which he was loudly cheered. The simplicity of His Royal Highness' life and the unceremoniousness of his appearance, has enhanced his popularity with the soldiers.

HYDE BYE-ELECTION.

LONDON, March 31st.

The Hyde bye-election resulted as follows:—

Jacobson 4,089

Davies 3,215

THE INDIAN BUDGET.

LONDON, March 31st.

Sir J. D. Rees asked in the House of Commons whether the Indian Budget will be discussed this Session.

Mr. Chamberlain—I will consult the Premier.

CLEVELAND TRAIN DISASTER. MANY CASUALTIES.

NEW YORK, March 31st.

It is now estimated that thirty persons have been killed and forty injured in the train disaster at Cleveland, Ohio.

THE CHINESE REBELLION.

CHUNGKING, March 31st.

The rebels have captured Peng-shui.

[HAVAS SERVICE.]

FRENCH STOCK.

French stock now stands at 3 per cent. Pcs. 63.25 and 5 per cent. 88.25.

SHAMEEN NOTES.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

SHAMEEN, March 30th.

THE SITUATION TO-DAY.

Last night passed uneventfully, and the excitement of yesterday has visibly subsided. The more nervous ones, however, regard it as the calm before the storm. This would, indeed, seem to be the case, judging by the number of boxes which continue to be brought into Shameen from the City and by the exodus of residents in the old City to safer quarters at Sakki (opposite Shameen, Canal side) and at Honam.

An amusing incident is reported to have taken place in the City yesterday. Whilst a regiment of troops was passing along a street near the old City an empty kerosene tin fell from the top of a house a few paces away from them. Mistaking the resounding noise the tin made when it came in contact with mother earth as an attempt to bomb them, the soldiers are alleged to have wheeled round and fired a volley into the direction whence the tin came. Whether this was an accident or the work of a practical joker, or the act of a 'patriot' who desired to create a disturbance, is not stated.

MONGOOSES WANTED.

SCARCITY OF ANIMALS THAT KILL TRENCH RATS.

An army officer searched all London the other day for a mongoose. He had received a piteous letter from friends in the trenches asking for one of these valuable little beasts—a sure cure for rat-plague. He was told that one could only be secured if a private individual happened to have one to dispose of, and the price would be about £5 10s.

Mr. Cecil Isaacs, of the Royal Managories, Shaftesbury Avenue, told a representative of *The Daily Chronicle* that the mongoose is the only animal that can be depended upon to rid a trench of rats.

"A ferret," he said, "will kill for the sake of eating. But a mongoose kills for the sake of killing. I guarantee that any trench with a mongoose will not suffer from rats. The difficulty is to get a mongoose. I have sent out half a dozen recently to France, but live stock is not being shipped to England now, and the home of the mongoose is Ceylon."

"The only chance is to seek out private owners and ask them to sell. Many inquiries have reached me from officers in the front. Even the ferret is scarce."

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